

Ambassadors of Love



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INTRODUCTION

If you discovered a cure for loneliness, anxiety, fear, and every other personal or social ill, and if you could package that cure in a single neat little pill, wouldn't you prescribe it for everyone, everywhere? If you happened upon the fountain of youth, wouldn't you give its waters freely to others, so they also could live forever? If you found paradise on earth, wouldn't you want to take your loved ones there?

If you have found Jesus, you *have* discovered those things and more! You found it *all*—Heaven in your heart now by being filled with His love and peace, and Heaven forever in the life to come!

There's a lost and lonely world that's crying out for the answers and the love you now have access to because of knowing Jesus personally, and He wants you to share your discovery with others. Jesus could solve their problems if they would only ask Him to, but how will they ever ask Him if they've never even heard of

Him or heard a firsthand account of how real He is from someone who has met Him personally? And how are they going to hear that unless someone tells them?—Someone like you.

“Love wasn’t put in your heart to stay. Love isn’t love till you give it away!” Share the good news of Jesus’ love and salvation with others, and you’ll be amazed to find what wonders His love can do through you.

Ambassadors of Love contains plenty of impetus and practical counsel to get you started. Then Jesus and the Holy Spirit will inspire you and provide direct, personal guidance, day by day and heart by heart.

The Reason for It All

For the Christian, every day is like Christmas! Jesus showers His love down on us every day of the year. But sad to say, it's not that way for so many poor folks who haven't yet found Him. So many people are lost, lonely, downtrodden, weak, and weary. Some are weak in their bodies, others are weak in their minds, and yet others are weak in body, mind, and spirit. There are those who are trampled on: the poor, the persecuted, the hungry, victims of war and crime and exploitation; those nobody wants or cares about, those who have so little in the way of worldly goods, those who lack even the basic necessities.

Then there are others who do have material goods and who appear to "have it together" in the eyes of others, but who are lost and lonely prisoners of their own selfish desires. They are weary and heavy laden with problems, stress, fears, and phobias. There are those who wear a smile, yet ache inside; those who are engulfed in a sea of emptiness; those who suffer from pain, guilt, bitterness,

and condemnation; those who feel remorse over the past or fear the future.—So many lost and desperate folks in the world today!

It reminds me of the words to that old Beatles song, “All the lonely people, where do they all come from?” Well, I’ll tell you where they come from—all the lonely people come from selfish living. All the lonely people, the lost and the forlorn, come from a dog-eat-dog society, from a lot of wrongful living. They’re products of the Devil’s own doctrines of “me first” and “do your own thing.” That’s where all the lonely people come from. All those lonely people are products of a world that has forgotten its Creator. They’re victims, the sad result of what happens when people’s lives aren’t ruled by love.

It’s getting darker and colder all the time, and many people can feel it. They may not understand it, and they don’t always want to admit it, but it’s happening. The sun is setting, the darkness is falling, and the world is looking for hope, for some ray of light. Event after event has left the nations questioning. “Why this and why that? Why all the pain and strife in the world? Why the slaughter of the innocents? Why troubles and sorrows?” These questions are being raised in people’s hearts and minds, and those whose foundations have been built on the sand, or others who had no foundations to begin with, have no answers. Never has the world been hungrier for true love and real answers than they are right now!

In this day of hatred and hardness of hearts, of confusion and deception, of scheming and sly words, of false fronts and cover-ups, there is a great need for His love to shine through. As the darkness falls and the cold winds blow, you must hold up the light. You must hold it up steady and firm for all to see.

If you will shine His light on people, He'll do all the rest. He'll cause it to accomplish His purpose in their lives and hearts and minds.

Not only does the world need to *hear* the truth today, but never before has the world been in such great need of *seeing* the truth. People not only need to *hear* about true love, they need to *see* it. They need to see love put into action!

It's just human nature to sometimes confuse the words you say, but there's no confusion when they see it put into practice. It's like that poem by Edgar A. Guest, which says: "I'd rather see a sermon, than hear one any day. I'd rather one would walk with me than merely tell the way." For most people to accept the truth, they not only need to *hear* the *sermon*, but they need to *see* the *sample* as well.

Jesus said, "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."¹ Why do you think He said that? Wouldn't it have been enough for you to simply *tell* others about the love of Jesus? Couldn't the Lord just as well have said, "By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if

¹ John 13:35

you preach My message”? Wouldn’t that have been enough?

Evidently not, because the Lord said that all men would know that you are His if you *have love* one for another. And if you have love one for another, you’re certainly going to show it throughout the day in obvious, tangible ways that others can see. It’s not good enough to just talk about love. Jesus said you have to *have* love, you have to *live* love. The Lord knew that there would be no denying that sample.

Pray and ask the Lord to help you follow His great commandment to love your neighbor as yourself. This is the reason for it all. This is the reason Jesus came to earth in the first place—so we could have life eternal, yes, but also to teach us to love, so we could turn around and give that life to others.

Ambassadors of Love

Through His children, God is trying to show the world what He is like. Jesus said, “As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”¹ Jesus came to love the world and He calls us to do likewise in every facet of life, in every way—to give God’s love to others. The only way that others will ever find His joy and peace and love and happiness and Heaven is through us. No matter where we are from, if we have Jesus, we are now His ambassadors and represent the King of kings, the One who runs the universe.

What was Jesus’ last message to His disciples at the Last Supper, just before He was arrested, taken to jail, beaten, and killed? “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”² He talked about love, that love was the most important thing.

And those first Christians turned the world upside down with the love of God. The way they

¹ John 20:21

² John 13:35

lived convinced others that their faith was real. Even their Roman persecutors marveled. “Look at how these Christians love one another!” “Who is this Christ?” they asked. “And how does He make you so happy? Even though you have nothing, you’ve got everything! How can I find this kind of happiness too?” And within two hundred years, one out of five people in the Western world were professing Christians.

Today, nearly two thousand years later, the heart of man is still the same. So many people are searching for love, but seldom, if ever, finding it. People everywhere are looking around for some little ray of hope, some salvation, some bright spot somewhere, a little love, a little mercy, someplace where they can find some relief. We who have found God and His love have what others have been searching for all their lives and need desperately, and if we can show them that love exists, then they can believe that God exists, because God is love.

Even the little things you do can mean a lot. The light of your smile, the kindness of your face, the influence of your life can shed light on many and have an amazing effect on some of the people you think might be the least likely to be impressed. When they feel your love and you tell them it’s God’s love, they think, *Maybe Somebody up there does love me!* It can change their whole outlook on life and give them a new start.

May we always be known by our love!